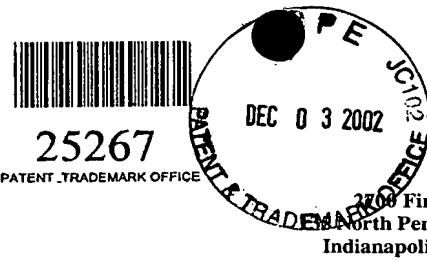


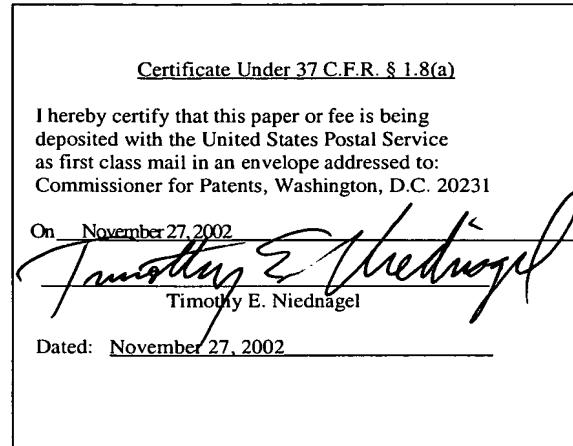
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# PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*Group:* 3673 }  
*Atty. Docket:* 8266-0685 }  
*Applicants:* Weismiller et al. }  
*Invention:* HOSPITAL BED }  
*Serial No.:* 10/028,833 }  
*Filed:* December 20, 2001 }  
*Examiner:* Trettel, M }



**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 and the corresponding telephonic interview on October 17, 2002, please consider the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 48-57 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

## REMARKS

## Introduction

Examiner Trettel is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned during the telephonic interview on October 17, 2002. As explained in additional detail herein, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.